



November 14, 2007

Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I understand that Canadian National Railway Company plans to buy the Elgin, Joliet, & Eastern Railway Company. I have been informed that, as a result of this transaction, at least 15 new freight trains will travel through the Barrington, Illinois area each day. According to some, the increase will be much larger than that, and the final number is completely unpredictable. Such an increase will require a great deal of examination to assure that the concerns of my organization are met.

I am the President of GK Development, Inc. This is a business that I have located in Barrington for over ten years. I have forty employees that must commute here from throughout the Chicago area. In addition, I live in the area and my children are on school buses that cross these tracks many times a day.

As I'm sure you are aware, Barrington is a town that has two sets of tracks running through it perpendicularly. The other track is for commuter rail as well as freight. The EJ&E line has always been a few freight trains a day, usually run at night. Even the minimum increase in freight traffic proposed by Canadian National will have an enormous negative impact on our town. The traffic impact alone will bring movement in the downtown area to a standstill with two train lines running significant numbers of trains. The impact on life safety will be even greater since police, fire and emergency services will be delayed significantly due to the increase in trains.

Additionally, Barrington's struggling downtown will essentially be shut down and there will be a great cost in lost jobs, businesses and tax revenue.

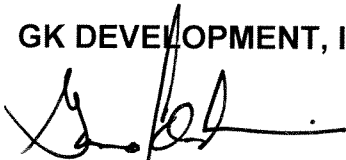
From my experience as commercial real estate developer, I understand that the federal government must consider all significant environmental impacts of its decisions, and issue a statement with alternatives and conditions before proceeding. I am certain that an extra 15 trains, each taking somewhere around five minutes to

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pass through the area, constitutes a significant impact on this region. I assume, therefore, that you will issue such a statement, which will give myself and others an opportunity to review the true environmental impacts of this transaction. I look forward to working with you and the rest of the Board in this process. Thank you.

Sincerely,

GK DEVELOPMENT, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Khohlamian', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Garo Khohlamian
President